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REPLICATION CAPACITY OF A
PATHOGENIC VIRUS

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

Applicants have carefully considered the non-final Office Action mailed May 11, 2005, in connection with the above-captioned patent application. Applicants kindly request reconsideration of the claims in light of the amendments and remarks that follow.

This paper includes:

Amendments to the Claims beginning on page 2; and

Remarks beginning on page 4.

Furthermore, Applicants submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) extending the period for response by two months from August 11, 2005, to and including October 11, 2005; and an Amendment Fee Transmittal Sheet.